



A G E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

February 1, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Call to Order

Moment of Silence

Invocation by County Council Chaplin

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Approval of Minutes

January 18, 2022 Regular Meeting

County Attorney Comments

County Administrator Comments

Proclamations

[None scheduled for this meeting.]

Public Comment Session

[Limited to a total of forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person]

If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by emailing jennifercadams@oconeesc.com or calling 864-718-1023, so that your comment may be read into the record.

Council Member Comments

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

[None scheduled for this meeting.]

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Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2022-04 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2021-01, THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE CAPITAL VEHICLE / EQUIPMENT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.

Public Comment Session regarding Redistricting 2020

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ORDINANCE 2022-05 AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

ORDINANCE 2022-06 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING “THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND EASEMENTS FOR THE OCONEE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY PARK F/K/A THE ECHO HILLS BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL PARK” (“FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION”); APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND RECORDATION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2022-07 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF A PORTION OF LOCAL CORONAVIRUS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDING UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (“ARPA”), FOR PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING “PREMIUM PAY” TO ELIGIBLE OCONEE COUNTY EMPLOYEES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

[None scheduled for this meeting.]

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Discussion Regarding Action Items

Title: Airport Engineer & Consultant

Department: Airport

Amount: N/A

Most Airport engineering services are funded by the FAA through grants for approved projects. The FAA would pay 95% of the costs, the State pays 2.5% and a matching 2.5% is required from County funds. Future projects will be brought to Council on an individual basis when project costs exceed \$50,000.

A Request for Qualifications, RFQ 21-05, for Professional Engineer and Consulting Services for Oconee County Airport was issued on August 19, 2021 and sent to 18 firms. Six (6) responses were received on September 21, 2021. An Evaluation Committee consisting of County Staff and Airport Commission personnel, reviewed and scored the submissions and recommended four (4) firms: Delta Airport Consultants, Holt Consulting Company, Michael Baker International, and W.K. Dickson to be short-listed to continue on with Phase Two of the selection process.

On October 26, 2021, RFP 21-08, Professional Services – Airport Engineer and Consultant, Phase Two, was issued to the four short-listed firms and on December 7, 2021, four proposals were received. The same Evaluation Committee met and reviewed and scored these proposals and recommended W.K. Dickson, of Columbia, SC for award.

FAA regulations state that this award shall be for a five-year period.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the award of RFP 21-08 for Professional Services – Airport Engineer and Consultant, Phase Two, to W. K. Dickson & Company, Inc., of Columbia, SC for a five-year term for services as needed.

Title: Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA's)

Department(s): Emergency Services

Amount: \$1,250,397.20

The main mission of Oconee County Emergency Services is to provide maximum safety for all personnel. The recent assessment of the SCBA's in service indicated that the majority are not certified to the newest National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard. NFPA updates standards every five (5) years and the latest 2018 update states that all SCBA's must be Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) certified, heat rating increase and testing on face piece along with data logging all resulting in upgraded safety features to the responder. Upgrades can only be completed within 2 revision cycles, which is ten (10) years and the age of the majority of the current equipment exceeds that. This replacement, including the newest models where upgrading was not cost feasible, will insure our SCBA's meet the NFPA 2018 Standard.

On August 13, 2021, Oconee County Emergency Services was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to replace self-contained breathing apparatuses along with spare cylinders and face pieces in the amount of \$998,636.36. The County will be responsible for \$251,760.84 of this purchase. The funds that will be utilized for the match will come from the SCBA budget for FY 2021-2022.

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There are two brands of SCBA's offered within close proximity of Oconee: MSA and Scott. An evaluation committee, composed of Fire Chiefs across Oconee County discussed the features preferred and required in the SCBA's. The evaluation committee participated in demonstrations and field testing of each brand. The evaluation committee discussed and documented the pros and cons of each SCBA brand. Once the evaluation was complete, the committee voted and unanimously recommended MSA brand SCBA's.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the award of SCBA's to Allsource Enterprise, LLC., dba Safe Industries, of Easley, SC in the amount of \$1,250,397.20.

Request for Council's approval to commit matching funds, not to exceed \$300,000, toward the application for the FY2021 American Rescue Plan Act Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant for the survey, design and permitting of a regional greenway trail system.

Department: Planning

Amount: Not to Exceed \$ 300,000

- The application is for survey, design, and permitting of a regional trail system.
- The City of Clemson, Clemson University, Town of Pendleton, and Oconee County will apply as a regional group with assistance from Appalachian Council of Governments (ACOG).
- Total design miles in Oconee County 15.7 (route attached).
- It is a 20% matching grant.
- Estimated cost is \$1,428,700, the County match would be approximately \$285,740, not to exceed \$300,000.
- If approved, the grant money would be financially managed by City of Clemson, with a leadership team from each invested organization.
- The grant is a reimbursing grant, if awarded, the County would be reimbursed for spent funds as often as quarterly, after milestone completion.
- Application deadline is January 31, 2022.

As part of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan and 2021 County Council Strategic Plan, Oconee County prioritized partnering with public and private entities to develop a county greenway system that will offer opportunities for nature-based recreation in areas where few currently exist.

Oconee County requests the commitment of the balance of funding needed for the regional trail system project from the Capital Projects Fund. The allocation of funds is contingent on the award from the FY2021 American Rescue Plan Act Travel, Tourism and Outdoor EDA Grant program.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve the commitment of matching funds, not to exceed \$300,000, toward the application for the FY2021 American Rescue Plan Act Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant.

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Council Committee Reports

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Board & Commission Appointments

The Board & Commission seats listed below are co-terminus with Council District seats and will require [in the 1st quarter of 2021] appointment and/or reappointment as follows:

Building Codes Appeal Board

1 At-Large Seat: No questionnaire on file for this seat

Arts and Historical Commission

District 3 Seat: No questionnaire on file for this seat

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Executive Session

[upon reconvening Council may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]

[1] Discussion regarding a personnel matter related to Rock Quarry, Roads and Bridges, and Solid Waste departments.

Council consideration and approval of amended job descriptions and reclassification of specific positions in the Rock Quarry, Roads and Bridges, and Solid Waste departments

Adjourn

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